

**In the Claims:**

Applicants elect method claims 1 to 11 for further prosecution. This election is made without traversal. Please cancel claims 12 to 22 without prejudice:

1.(original) A method of blank pressing a glass body, especially for an optical application, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a press mold comprising an upper mold part, a lower mold part and, optionally, a ring;
- b) receiving a glass body heated above a shaping temperature in said press mold;
- c) applying a voltage across the upper mold part and the lower mold part for working the glass body at temperatures above a sticking temperature; and
- d) applying a pressing force to the glass body at the latest after a temperature of the glass body in the press mold matches a temperature of the press mold.

2.(original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said voltage is a D.C. voltage.

3.(original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said voltage is an unsymmetrical A.C. voltage.

4.(original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said pressing force is kept constant or reduced when said temperature of said press mold decreases.

5.(original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said glass body is heated when said glass body is within said press mold.

6.(original) A method of blank pressing a glass body, especially for an optical application, said method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a press mold comprising an upper mold part, a lower mold part and, optionally, a ring;

b) receiving a glass body heated above a shaping temperature in said press mold;

c) cooling the press mold after reaching a predetermined temperature of the press mold; and

d) applying a pressing force to the glass body after exceeding a sticking temperature ( $T_0$ ).

7.(original) The method as defined in claim 6, further comprising applying a voltage across the upper mold part and the lower mold part.

8.(original) The method as defined in claim 7, wherein said voltage is a D.C. voltage.

9.(original) The method as defined in claim 7, wherein said voltage is an unsymmetrical A. C. voltage.

10.(original) The method as defined in claim 6, wherein said pressing force is kept constant or reduced when said temperature of said press mold decreases.

11.(original) The method as defined in claim 6, wherein said glass body is heated when said glass body is within said press mold.

Claims 12 to 22.(canceled)